



***Goodwin Elementary
Announcements & Events
Notices for 11/8/2019***

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Dorothy C. Goodwin Elementary School

A Whale of a School

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Peter Dart
Principal

Kelly M. Lyman
Superintendent

Friday November 6th, 2019

Important Notice Regarding Alert System

Greetings Goodwin Families:

Please see the notice below regarding our district alert messaging system. This system is used to notify our families of any emergency or storm related closing. At Goodwin, we also use the SMS/Text messaging system for our school level urgent messages, which includes letting specific families know if their bus is running late. Please consider opting in to the system. We will not use the SMS/Text system for non-urgent/emergency messages. Typically, we email notices on Friday as part of our office "Weekly Notices."

Please contact our office at 860-429-6316 should you need assistance or have any questions.

Thank you,
Peter Dart

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- Send a text to 67587 from your cell phone(s) with the word "yes".

We highly encourage you to complete this process as it provides us with one more way to reach you in the event of an urgent/emergency message.

We will test this system on **Monday, November 11, at 7:05pm**. You will receive a phone call at the cell and home phone number(s) that the school office has on file for your family, as well as a SMS text message, and an email. If you do not receive the test this Monday evening, please report it to your school office so that we can be certain we have the correct contact information for your family on file.



Kelly M. Lyman
Superintendent

October 10, 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian,

It is not just winter that brings challenging weather to New England. Recent history has shown that all kinds of weather situations, may require us to alter our school or bus schedules. These decisions are made after consultation with our town Public Works staff, meteorologists, and others. When making decisions to alter our schedule, consideration must be given to road conditions and other factors such as weather related damage and power outages throughout the community. There will be times when we will have to delay the opening of school, cancel classes, or dismiss students early. We understand that these decisions can cause inconvenience and create a challenge for families. Each decision is made for the safety of children. You are also encouraged to make your own assessment of weather and other conditions and keep your children home if you feel uncomfortable sending them to school.

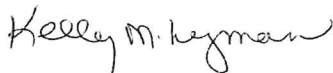
Decisions to alter the schedule are often made before 5:30 a.m. but changing weather conditions can cause us to make a call at any time. We use an automated calling system to alert you of these decisions. A recorded phone message is sent to your home and cell phones along with an e-mail message using the parent phone numbers on file with your child's school. In addition, we can send a SMS text message to the cell phone contact on record in the school office. In order to receive the SMS text message, you need to "opt-in". The process is simple and only takes a few seconds to complete. Simply send a text to **68453** from your cell phone(s) with the word "**yes**". If you do not opt-in, you will not receive the SMS text message. **We highly encourage you to complete this process.**

When the school start time is delayed it will be delayed by **2 hours**. Arrive at bus stops 2 hours later than your regular time and please remind your child to dress appropriately for the weather conditions as buses may be delayed due to poor conditions. Mansfield Parks and Recreation will again be offering **delayed opening childcare** option beginning at 8:00am at the Community Center. Students will be bussed from the Community Center to their home school for the start of the school day. **Families wishing to use this service must register in advance.** Watch for registration materials to be in weekly take-home fliers soon.

Early closings will result in schools closing 2 hours and 45 minutes earlier than the regular dismissal time. Please be sure that you have made arrangements for your child if you are not home during the day.

A schedule of delayed opening and early closing times has been included on the next page.

Sincerely,



Kelly M. Lyman

2 HOUR DELAYED OPENINGS/EMERGENCY CLOSINGS

HOURS—REGULAR SCHOOL DAY	
Grades K-4	School starts - 8:55 AM; School ends - 3:30 PM
Morning Prekindergarten	Session starts - 8:55 AM; Session ends - 11:45 AM
Afternoon Prekindergarten	Session starts - 12:50 PM; Session ends - 3:30 PM
Grades 5-8	School starts - 8:05 AM; School ends - 2:50 PM

2 HOUR DELAYED OPENING*	
Grades K-4	School starts – 11:00 AM; School ends – 3:30 PM
Morning Prekindergarten	CANCELLED
Afternoon Prekindergarten	Session starts - 12:50 PM; Session ends - 3:30 PM
Grades 5-8	School starts – 10:05 AM; School ends - 2:50 PM

EMERGENCY EARLY CLOSING OF SCHOOL	
Grades K-4	School dismisses – 12:45 PM
Morning Prekindergarten	School day extended, dismisses – 12:45 PM <i>Note: Lunch will be provided</i>
Afternoon Preschool	CANCELLED
Grades 5-8	School dismisses – 12:05 PM

School Messenger recorded phone messages will announce school closings, delayed openings, or other emergencies.

For information regarding school closing due to inclement weather or other emergencies, tune in to one of the following radio or television stations:
Radio: WILI 1400 AM & 98.3 FM, WTIC 1080 AM, WTIC FM 96.5, WRCH FM 100.5, WZMX FM 93.7

Television: WFSB (3), WVIT (30), WTIC (6), WTNH (8)

****Stay tuned. If weather conditions deteriorate, a delay could become a full-day cancellation.***

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Veteran's Day

Goodwin School



Veteran's Day is
on Monday, November 11th, 2019

Please wear **red**, white and
blue to school on
Monday





Dorothy C. Goodwin Elementary School

November 2019

Monthly School Events Calendar: Events **Highlighted in Yellow** are family friendly. You and your families are welcome to attend these events. Notices with more details will be sent out the week prior to the event. Remember to always check the Friday Folder, Weekly Goodwin Notices that are emailed each week, and our website for more information.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 Daylight Savings End; Set clocks back one hour.	4 Picture Re-Take Day and 4 th Grade Class Picture; morning only.	5 Election Day No School	6	7	1 Family Coffee w/ the Principal 8:35am Celebration of Learning 9:30am; Families welcome to attend.	2
10	11 Veterans Day Goodwin Assembly Honoring Veterans 9:30am; Families Welcome	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) Meeting 6:30pm, Families welcome.	19	20	21	22 Annual Goodwin Thanksgiving Feast; Family Volunteers Needed Contact PTO	23
24	25 Early Dismissal 12:45pm; Family- Student Conferences 4-7pm PTO Book Fair!	26 Early Dismissal 12:45pm; Family- Student Conferences 1-4pm PTO Book Fair!	27 Early Dismissal 12:45pm	28 Thanksgiving Day No School	29 No School	30

PTO Book Fair!
Monday 11/25 8:30-1:00 & 4:00-7:00
Tuesday 11/26 8:30-5:00
Wednesday 11/27 8:30-1:00

Save the Dates!
Town Meeting/Celebration of Learnings:
9:30am Goodwin Auditorium
1/31/20, 3/27/20, 5/29/20
Winter Break/Schools Closed: 12/23-1/1

WINTER WEAR REMINDER!

As long as the weather is 15* or above, including wind chill, there WILL BE outdoor recess. Dressing in layers will provide the most comfort.

Please send your child with labeled warm clothes including a coat, hat, gloves/mittens, snow pants and boots so they can play in the snow. (an extra pair of pants and socks are helpful to keep in their locker)

If you do not have some of the needed clothing, feel free to call or email the School Nurse: Anne Wiant-Rudd

860.429.9082 ext 2

wiantruddar@mansfieldct.org



SAVE the DATE
FLU CLINIC

(sponsored by-Hartford Healthcare at Home)

Tuesday, November 12th from 3-7pm

Mansfield Middle School



PLEASE REMEMBER - *bring your insurance information and ID.*

OPEN TO STAFF, STUDENTS, FAMILY MEMBERS, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY

**Reminder to all parents/guardians of Pre-K students: each student must have 1 flu vaccine if previously vaccinated, 2 if not previously vaccinated, prior to returning to school in January after winter break. Please provide written documentation, from the healthcare provider, to school the nurse.*

STAY HEALTHY – GET VACCINATED!



Mansfield Weekend IN GAMPEL

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EXCLUSIVE \$5 TICKET OFFER

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8 | 7 P.M. | GAMPEL PAVILION



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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10 | 1 P.M. | GAMPEL PAVILION

Hey, Mansfield!

**Get ready to cheer on your UConn Huskies during
Mansfield Weekend!**

On Friday, November 8 the UConn Men's Basketball team opens up their season with a home game against Sacred Heart University at Gampel Pavilion. The game starts at 7:00 PM.

Mansfield residents are invited to take advantage of an exclusive ticket offer: \$5 when you use the code "MANSFIELD" - To order tickets, visit uconnhuskies.com.

Then, on Sunday, November 10 head back to Gampel to cheer on the UConn Women as they take on the University of California (Cal) at 1:00 PM. Use the code "MANSFIELD" to take advantage of the \$5 ticket deal for this game, too!

Get to the game the easy way: Skip the campus traffic, grab some lunch or dinner downtown, & hop on the FREE Gampel Express! For more information about the Gampel Express, visit downtownstorrs.org/gameday.



3rd ANNUAL!
MANSFIELD
THANKSGIVING DAY
Family Fun Run 2019

START FROM EO SMITH PARKING LOT @ 9 AM
For a **3 mile** loop around UConn campus

WEAR A COSTUME IF YOU WISH!

*Please bring a **donation** for our local Food Pantry*

Canned Meat	Snack Packs
Crackers	Paper Towels
Pancake Mix	Toilet Paper
Spaghetti Sauce	Detergent
Syrup	Fem Hygiene Products

BRING YOUR FRIENDS, FAMILY, NEIGHBORS!!